

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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TRADE WITH ITALY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to increase the quantum of trade with the Government of Italy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether trade delegations have visited India and Italy during the current year respectively;
- (d) if so, the outcome of their visits separately; and
- (e) the number of Italian companies doing their business in India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) & (b) The Government is constantly making efforts to increase trade with other countries, including Italy.
- (c) A large Italian business delegation accompanied Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi during his visit to India in February 2007.
- (d) The Italian business delegation had meetings organized by FICCI, CII and ASSOCHAM in Kolkata and Mumbai. Over 3000 business-to-business meetings took place in Mumbai and over 2000 such meetings took place in Kolkata, covering a gamut of sectors such as food processing, infrastructure, power, furniture, fashion, textiles, agro-industry, etc. During the visit of the business delegation, Indian companies have signed 11 collaboration agreements with Italian companies.
- (e) About 160 Italian companies are doing business in India.